

Wildlife Rehabilitation Protocol – Disposal of Carcasses and Animal Waste

Facility/Rehabilitator Name: _____

This is only a recommendation of what your protocol should cover. Your facility may insert, change or delete any sections of this protocol to fit the mission of your rehabilitation facility, or submit an existent protocol in a different format. All protocols must be reviewed and approved by a consulting veterinarian.

Our general protocol for animal carcass and animal waste disposal is:

- ☐ Injured or sick adult deer and fawns from any county where deer rehabilitation is prohibited are humanely euthanized. Heads from adult deer are collected and stored at refrigerator or freezer temperature. Contact with the local Wildlife Manager or Conservation Warden is made within 72 hours to submit the head for testing. See Deer Rehabilitation Policy for further explanation

Special Cases

- ☐ Animals euthanized with chemical agents are disposed of in a manner to ensure they will not be accessible for other animal consumption or contamination of the environment. Our method of disposal in these cases is as follows:

- ☐ Necropsy procedures are established and followed. Species we necropsy and the procedures we follow are provided below:

- ☐ We have the necessary permits to rehabilitate State Endangered/Threatened Species. If we receive an animal on the list, we will contact the Bureau of Endangered Resources to report the admission and receive instructions on what to do with the carcass if the animal dies.
- ☐ All eagle carcasses are submitted to the National Eagle Repository unless otherwise directed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Rehabilitator Signature

Date

